

Dear FCC,I am writing to express my opposition to the act under consideration which

would mandate anti-piracy technology in new digital televisions. I feel that this is a serious violation of accepted fair use policies, and is an attempt by the entertainment industry to legislate a cure for their questionable business practices.

I do not now nor have I ever made illegal digital copies of any entertainment medium for distribution. I often record television programs that contain violence or obscene language so that my wife and I may watch them after our two year old son goes to bed. I would like to be able to continue to do this, since the other options are to either expose my child to material which he should not see, or to not watch any of these shows at all. I doubt that the entertainment industry intends to give American's only these two options, but that is in effect what they are doing by pushing for these new regulations.

The DMCA is one of the most seriously flawed pieces of legislation ever to pass through our Congress. It is a brazen attempt by the entertainment industry to slant the playing field in their own favor, in an effort to avoid having to face their own inadequate business practices and change them to deal with the modern world. While I have much respect for Jack Valenti, I feel strongly that he and his industry are totally wrong about this issue. The way to deal with changing situations is to face them, examine all the options, and come up with a new plan to deal with new issues. This country has been built on ingenuity, not repressive legislations favoring corporations over people. But I feel that we are traveling down a road that will make this country into the electronic equivalent of the Cold War era Soviet Union. If your digital papers are not in order, or if your expressions are not in line with the corporate will, then you face an economic gulag imposed by frivolous lawsuits and threats of expensive legal proceedings from multi-million dollar corporations who are trying to continue the status quo. And the entertainment industry has fought almost every piece of new technology, from radio to cassette tapes to VCRs and now digital formats.

Please do not enact these regulations. Please make a stand for the rights of consumers, and the idea of freedom upon which our country was founded.